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Dear Mamma:

Just finished
dinner and Grace and I are
up in our "den." We have
the use of the upper hall &
it makes just a dandy place
to study.

This morning went out to
church but found it pretty
bad walking as it snowed
all day yesterday and all
the streets up in this part
of the town had not been
broken out.

When we came home went
in to see Carrie. She is
going to change her
boarding place soon
She will be a long distance
from Foxcroft School but
thinks she will like it

better for they have a
piano. She says she
is going to take lessons.
Then we got home, a young
man or boy rather was
waiting for us. He had
come to apologize for
a few things he said
at school Friday. Grace
gave him a little shaking
up after school and then
he came and said "goodby"
to me before going home
and I didn't know
then what had been
going on outside in
main room for I had been
helping some boys on
their Algebra but when
he said "Good by Miss

"Sweetser" I knew something
was up for every time
anything goes wrong
he says he's going to
Garland to stay. But
it's really laughable to
see him when he has one
of his spells and Carrie
said she wishes I could
have seen Grace make
him dance around the
school room when he
said he wasn't going
to do what she told
him to do. The funny part
to-day was that he came
and apologized to me
and asked me to write
a note to his parents
telling them that he had
been to us instead of to
Grace.

Had a short letter from Ernest but have not heard from him. Shall try to find time to write to him to-day. altho we have not done any of our school work and think of going out to church to-night as it is a union service.

Yesterday the children asked us to go out to Parnie's camp with them but it stormed so that they didn't go. This camp is out about a mile across the fields and they were going to take

pretty mean to say
that there is no street
where they can slide.

Last Saturday Jack and
I went out on the crust
and slid without any
sled. 'Twas great fun
too. The hill was steep
and we just flew.

A lot of the younger
children were with us
and thought 'Twas
great fun. Rather hard
on clothes but we
had decided to make
some cushions to use
instead of sleds if the
crust had not been
covered with more

their suppers. Probably
they will go some
night after school now.
The selectmen of the town
have forbidden all sliding
in the streets so now
all the children can
do is to skate or go on
their snowshoes. It seems
too bad for there are
some dandy places
to slide where no one
would object as teams
hardly ever are seen
in these places. Of
course there are
places where they
slide which are
dangerous but tis

snowed soon.

The teachers reception
comes a week from next
Friday night at the
Congo. Chapel, and given
by the Federated clubs of
the two towns. Say, in
last night's commercial
I saw the announcement
of C. D.'s engagement or
rather where Mrs. Berry
gave an at home at
which she announced the
engagement of her daughter
Lillian to Carl D. Smith
of St. Louis.

I must write to Harriet
now.

With love

Harriet
We have the whooping cough - itch and
lies in our school. How's that.

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